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TAGS: PFOR, XA XB XR YO RO MT UN

SUBJ: UNGA SIXTH SPECIAL SESSION - STEAMROLLER TACTICS

REFERENCE: STATE 104050

1. DURING GENERAL DISCUSSION NUMBER SUBJECTS WITH FONOFF
U/SEC FADL OBEID MAY 30, AMBASSADOR SAID HE WISHED RAISE
ON INSTRUCTION USG CONCERN AT TACTICS EMPLOYED BY G-77/NACG
DURING RECENT UNGA SPECIAL SESSION. DRAWING ON REFTTEL,
AMBASSADOR CITED VOTE ON DAHOMEY PROPOSAL AND COMMENT OT
USDEL THAT ANY REQUEST FOR A VOTE WOULD BE CHALLENGED AS
ILLUSTRATIONS OUR CONCERN LEST FUNDAMENTAL UN PRINCIPAL
FULL AND AND FAIR DEBATE ALL ISSUES MIGHT BE UNDERMINED
TO DETRIMENT EFFECTIVENESS UNGA IN WHICH SMALL NATIONS
SUCH AS SUDAN PRESUMABLY HAS CONSIDERABLE STAKE. REMINDING
OBEID THAT USG HAD NOT SOUGHT IN EARLY DAYS UN TO RESTRICT
DEBATE ON ISSUES, AMBASSADOR NOTED RECENT DEVELOPMENT
LIKELY BE ILL-RECEIVED BY AMERICAN PUBLIC OPINION, WHICH HAD
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MORE INFO AVAILABLE THROUGH OUR PRESS RE UN ACTIVITIES

IN NEW YORK THAN FREQUENTLY WAS CASE ABROAD. YET CONTINUING STRONG US PUBLIC SUPPORT UN ACTIVITIES PRESUMABLY ESSENTIAL TO EFFECTIVE UN OPERATION. AMBASSADOR CONCLUDED THAT DEPT AND USUN WOULD, OF COURS, BE INTERESTED IN ANY COMMENTS GOS MIGHT WISH TO MAKE ON THIS CENTRAL PROBLEM.

2. INDICATING HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD BASIS USG CONCERN, OBEID SAID HE COULD WELL APPRECIATE OUR DESIRE FOR FULL UNGA DISCUSSION AGENDA ITEMS AND NOTED GOS HAS ALWAYS STOOD FOR PRINCIPAL OF FREE DEBATE. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED DEPT AND USUN WOULD BE GLAD HAVE THIS ASSURANCE. OBEID NOTED HE HAD NO RPT NO INFO RE SPECIFIC INSTANCES CITED PARA ONE ABOVE, TO WHICH AMBASSADOR REJOINED WE HAD NO WISH RAKE OVER RECENT HISTORY BUT DID HOPE PRINCIPAL FULL DEBATE UN ISSUES WOULD FULLY OBSERVED BY UNGA IN FUTURE. OBEID AGAIN INDICATED HE FULLY UNDERSTOOD OUR POSTION.

3. COMMENT: HOPE TO HAVE OPPORTUNITY PURSUE SUBJECT WITH FONMIN HIMSELF ON HIS RETURN FROM CURRENT TRIP, AS HE WAS AT SPECIAL SESSION AND NO DOUBT TOOK DECISIONS ON VOTING TACTICS WITHOUT REFERENCE TO KHARTOUM.

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